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Congressman Mike Simpson listens to testimony during a recent Appropriations Hearing. As a member of the House Appropriations Committee, Simpson sits on four to six hearings a week.

Message from Mike

On Friday, I had the privilege of speaking to the graduating class of 2003 at the College of Southern Idaho. It was a great experience seeing so many ambitious, educated young men and women ready to make a difference in their communities. This week Congress will wrap up business before recessing for the Memorial Day work period. As you can see from the schedule, it will be busy. Once Congress finishes voting on the scheduled legislation, I'll be working in Boise, Pocatello, and Idaho Falls. May God continue to Bless America! -Mike

What's Up this Week

For the week of May 19 to May 23

Tuesday

The House will vote on the Healthy Forest Restoration Act (H.R. 1904) The bill seeks to streamline bureaucratic procedures that slow legitimate management efforts. Simpson strongly supports the Healthy Forest bill and endorsed similar legislation when he was a member of the House Resources Committee last session.

The House is also expected to vote on three veterans based bills: H.R. 1562 - Veterans Health Care Cost Recovery Act of 2003, H.R. 1911 - Amending Title 38, United States Code, to Enhance Cooperation and the Sharing of Resources Between the Department of Veterans Affairs and the Department of Defense; and H.R. 1683 - Veterans' Compensation Cost-of-Living Adjustment Act of 2003.

Wednesday/Thursday

The House is scheduled to vote on the FY 2004 Defense Authorization bill. Simpson is a member of the House Appropriations Committee which oversees funding bills.

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Weekly Website

Looking for a cool summer vacation? Check out <http://www.recreation.gov/>

You'll find state tourism sites, National Register travel itineraries, national scenic by-ways, and even warm weather advisories. It's the government's version of a travel agent!

Federal Facts

98.4 percent of all Americans own a television set.

Source: <http://www.census.gov>

Idaho History Quiz

Where did the name "Idaho" come from?

Congratulations to Bob Lock for correctly answering last week's trivia question. Idaho was admitted into the Union in 1890.

Quote of the Week

Often the test of courage is not to die, but to live.
--Alfieri, "Orestes"

Simpson Sponsors Conference Call for Mayors, Police on Grants

WASHINGTON, D.C. — Idaho Congressman Mike Simpson is sponsoring a district wide conference call to provide law enforcement officers and mayors the opportunity to learn more about the U.S. Department of Justice Office of Community Oriented Policing Services (COPS) grants.

COPS grants are used to help to advance community policing and to fight crime and terrorism. On May 23, 2003 at 10:30 a.m. MDT Simpson will host a conference call with COPS program managers and resource experts in Washington, D.C. with police and mayors in Idaho. During the conference call, COPS will provide participants with an overview of the FY 2003 grant programs:

Homeland Security Overtime Program – provides state, local and tribal law enforcement agencies the opportunity to apply for additional officer overtime funding to support community policing and homeland security efforts. This is the first year COPS has offered this grant program.

COPS in Schools – provides law enforcement agencies with up to \$125,000 to hire school resource officers to work in and around schools to reduce school violence.

Universal Hiring Program – provides law enforcement agencies with up to \$75,000 to hire community-policing officers.

Tribal Resources Grant Program – provides grants to federally recognized Native American tribes to improve law enforcement infrastructure and hire officers.

The conference call will be held in each of Simpson's four district offices in Boise, Idaho Falls, Pocatello and Twin Falls. To attend, please RSVP to the closest district office at the following numbers: Boise - 334-1953, Idaho Falls - 523-6701, Pocatello - 478-4160 or Twin Falls - 734-7219.

Iraqi Freedom Update

This section gives you the latest war developments from the Department of Defense and perhaps items you won't get from the mainstream media.



Fly Your Flag to Show Continued Support for Our Military

Organizers for National Military Appreciation Month (NMAM), which is held in May, announced today that they are asking Americans to show their appreciation for our military by displaying the American flag and the POW/MIA flag during the month of May through Flag Day June 14.

In 1999, a resolution was passed in Congress proclaiming May as National Military Appreciation Month . The month is appropriately all-inclusive; Remembering those who gave their lives in defense of our nation's freedom and honoring those Americans who have served their country, and the men and women now serving in uniform - active duty in all services, the National Guard and Reserves - and all of their families, well over 80 million Americans and more than 225 years of our American history.

May includes VE Day, Military Spouse Day, Loyalty Day, Armed Forces Day/Week, National Day of Prayer, and Memorial Day.

Organizers are asking all Americans to honor, remember, and appreciate our military by displaying U.S. Flags and Yellow Ribbons on cars, homes, businesses, and classrooms.

For further information go to www.nmam.org.

You can still write members of the military in Iraq. Go to the webpages to the right and send our troops a thank you!

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